

FAQs

GROOMING AND APPEARANCE

Why did we change the AR 670-1 for female grooming standards to account for hair on top of their head but not males' hair on the bottom of their face?

The Army is a learning organization that is continuously exploring ways to assist with health and wellness while being more inclusive. For shaving, provisions such as "shaving profiles" and "religious accommodations" were already set in place for male Soldiers. Female Soldiers don't have or haven't had any kind of provisions to alleviate with scalp damage and hair loss. The other approved items that cater more to female Soldiers were items that will assist with improving psychological health which is a Force Multiplier.

Why are pearl earrings not authorized with ACU wear?

The reasoning behind not allowing Pearls in the ACUs is to show distinction between the uniforms (ASU vs. ACU). Typically pearls represent a more formal, regal appearance and when it comes to a dress uniform such as the ASU or AGSU, they present a more formal look which coincides with pearl earrings.

My last name is very unique and contains special characters. Am I authorized to wear it on my nametape?

Yes, diacritical accents are authorized on nameplates and nametapes for all uniforms.

AGSU

When wearing the AGSU Class-Bs with ribbons does an infantryman wear their blue cord?

Negative, the only thing prescribed for wear are the items stated in the ALARACT.

- No more than 2 Rows of Ribbons
- No more than 1 Combat Skill Badge/Metal Tab Replica
- Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI)

Is the Black Beret Authorized to be worn with the AGSU?

Yes IAW AR and DA PAM 670-1.

Is there a dress version for like Military Balls or other Formal functions? Or is it appropriate to wear the current AGSU to these types of functions?

Yes DA PAM 670-1 currently prescribes the "Dress Variation" for the AGSU. Until then, the Soldiers will wear the AGSU as is without DUIs and headgear for the Dress Variation.

What type of rank do we wear on new AGSU windbreaker-pin-on or shoulder board?

Pin-on grade insignia for the windbreaker.

OTHER UNIFORMS

May I wear my infantry shoulder cord for my DA photo?

No. AR 670-1 (paragraph 21-31) identifies the approval authority to authorize the award of the shoulder cord to infantryman, the authorized wearers, and the authorized assignments for wear of the shoulder cord. Since this shoulder cord is not a considered a permanent award, it should not be worn by Soldiers in an official DA photo.